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TOWN OFFICERS, 1891.

CLERK.

JOHN W. TRUE.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

JOHN W. TRUE, GEORGE W. HATCH,

PHILIP A. COLLER.

TREASURER.

BENJAMIN W. MERRILL.

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

SETH F. SWEETSIR.

COLLECTOR AND CONSTABLE.

BENJAMIN W. MERRILL.

Annual Reports.

The annual reports of the town officers of New Gloucester for the year ending March 14, 1892, are herewith submitted:

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

VALUATION.

Total valuation of real estate for the year 1891,	$452,469 00
Total valuation of personal estate for the year 1891,	431,877 00
	$884,346 00

Number of polls, 300. Poll tax, $2.50. Rate of taxation, .0105 on $1.00.

ASSESSMENTS.

For State tax,	$2,513 78	
County tax,	865 78	
		$3,379 56
For support of schools,	$2,000 00	
Contingent expenses,	1,250 00	
Roads and bridges,	2,500 00	
To keep school property in repair,	200 00	
Keep cemeteries in repair,	75 00	
Public Library,	150 00	
Memorial Day,	50 00	
Secure a copy of the original survey of the town,	100 00	
Amount of overlay,	331 07	
		$6,656 07
Total amount committed to collector,		$10,035 63

RECEIPTS.

The receipts of the town from February 27, 1891, to March 2, 1892, have been as follows:

Received of Wm. C. Eveleth, for a tax on land sold for taxes, 1889,	$3 87

Received	Wm. C. Eveleth, for a tax on land sold for taxes, 1890,	$2 03
	Wm. C. Eveleth, for a tax on land sold for taxes, 1890,	1 35
	J. S. True, for damage on schoolhouse in District No. 2,	2 50
	State treasurer, for railroad and telegraph tax, 1890,	513 83
	State school fund and mill tax, for the year 1890,	640 85
	David Brown, for lot in cemetery at Upper Corner,	10 00
	Town of Poland, pauper expenses of Timothy Berry and E. F. Field,	109 00
	Supplemental tax, for the year 1890, omitted by mistake on settlement,	7 50
	A. S. Hatch, for tax on real estate for the year 1889,	3 01
	Chas. N. Fogg, for a portion of school fund unemployed,	478 30
	Town of Greenwood, for pauper expenses of Anna Robbins,	37 50
	George T. Dolley, for taxes and cost on real estate for the years 1888 and 1889,	6 60
	John Allard heirs, for tax on real estate for year 1888,	2 38
	Mrs. J. M. Waterhouse, for lot in cemetery at Upper Corner,	10 00
	Wm. L. Shurtleff, for wood and lumber from cemetery near Upper Corner,	16 97
	State treasurer, for railroad and telegraph tax for year 1891,	506 02
	State treasurer on account of State aid furnished T. Berry and Mrs. Grover,	132 00
	Use of town hall,	1 50

Received	Conant Hicks, for cemetery lot,	$10 00	
	B. W. Merrill, guardian of Thos. J. Brackett,	133 50	
	B. W. Merrill, treasurer for 1890, to balance his account on settlement on Feb. 27, 1891,	449 76	
	Charles N. Fogg, treasurer of New Gloucester School Fund,	266 42	
	B. W. Merrill, collector in 1890, to settle account for commitments of 1890,	3,679 70	
	Town of Raymond, pauper expenses,	89 75	
	Town of Gray, pauper expenses,	10 00	
	Geo. E. Whitman Post, G. A. R.,	25 00	
	Dennis Edwards, agent of town farm,	96 79	
	B. W. Merrill, collector for 1891,	3,357 00	
			$10,603 13

EXPENDITURES.

The amount paid from the treasury for the year ending March 2, 1892, have been as follows:

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS FOR 1890.

Paid	J. W. True, selectman, assessor, etc.,	$66 00	
	Geo. W. Hatch, selectman, assessor, etc.,	55 50	
	Joseph S. True, supervisor of schools,	75 00	
	B. W. Merrill, collector,	148 54	
	B. W. Merrill, services as constable,	8 50	
	J. M. Thompson, services as town clerk,	7 00	
	C. N. Fogg, treasurer of school fund,	13 00	
	Geo. W. Plummer, services as moderator,	1 50	
	J. I. Sturgis, services on board of health, for 1889 and 1890,	3 00	
	M. C. Clark, services on board of health for 1889 and 1890,	3 00	
			$381 04

TOWN FARM.

Paid Dennis Edwards, Agent,		$350 00

TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on Dorcas Verrill,	$15 00	
Town of Raymond, for pauper supplies furnished Dorcas Verrill,	31 45	
Town of Poland, pauper supplies furnished Wesley Strout and family,	30 00	
City of Calais, for pauper supplies furnished Lizzie M. Harmon,	20 05	
Town of Deering, pauper supplies furnished T. C. Rowe,	16 06	
Geo. Blake & Son, pauper supplies furnished Geo. F. Berry,	5 33	
Berry & Starbird, pauper supplies furnished Geo. F. Berry,	20 72	
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, medical attendance on family of G. F. Berry,	18 50	
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, medical attendance on Clarissa Berry and Rosina Berry,	31 00	
Berry & Starbird, pauper supplies furnished Clarissa and Rosina Berry,	12 25	
Emmons T. Verrill, for board and care of James A. Verrill,	103 50	
		$303 86

Paupers Belonging to Other Towns.

Paid Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on Melville May,	$13 50	
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on family of Chas. May, Raymond pauper,	15 00	
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on Silas May, Raymond pauper,	12 00	
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on family of Melvin Hodgkins, Gray pauper,	10 00	

Paid Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on family of Elias H. Field, Poland pauper,	$18 00	
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on family of E. F. Field, Poland pauper,	40 50	
Fred A. Bryant, for pauper supplies furnished E. F. Field,	5 00	
Blake & Dolloff, for pauper supplies furnished Geo. W. Walker, Poland pauper,	5 00	
Geo. Blake & Son, pauper supplies furnished Osgood Cole, Poland pauper,	5 00	
Blake & Dolloff, pauper supplies furnished T. Berry, Poland pauper,	16 00	
Geo. Blake & Son, pauper supplies furnished T. Berry,	40 00	
Wm. H. True & Son, pauper supplies furnished T. Berry,	45 00	
Babbit Brothers, for clothing for T. Berry,	8 00	
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, medical attendance on T. Berry,	2 00	
P. A. Coller, pauper supplies furnished, residence unknown,	2 50	
		$237 50

INMATES OF INSANE HOSPITAL.

Paid for board and clothes of Thomas J. Brackett,	$147 79	
for board and clothes of E. G. Titcomb,	138 31	
		$286 10

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for certificates of births and deaths,	$3 25	
Portland Publishing Co., publishing advertisements for an agent for town farm,	1 50	

Paid P. A. Coller, contingent expenses for the year 1891,	$4	80
George W. Hatch, contingent expenses for the year 1891,	1	35
J. W. True, contingent expenses for the year 1891,	3	50
Charles A. Winslow, for wood for town house,	16	00
S. F. Hilton, for attending 28 funerals with hearse,	84	00
Lewiston Journal, for printing town reports, 1891,	41	75
N. P. Haskell, wood for town house for year 1891,	14	00
J. L. H. Greeley, for sawing wood for town house,	2	20
Willis Merrill, for hauling sawdust for town house floor,	1	00
I. H. Keith, oil, &c., for town house,		48
Berry & Starbird, supplies for town house,	6	70
A. C. Shaw, for care of town house,	47	90
Loring, Short & Harmon, for books, &c., for selectmen's office,	17	30
Loring, Short & Harmon, for record books for town clerk,	9	00
J. M. Thompson, contingent expenses as town clerk for 1890,	1	25
J. M. Thompson, for recording births and deaths,	3	20
J. M. Thompson, for printing assessors' notices,	1	00
Edwin C. Townsend, services as surveyor to perambulate,	3	00
J. S. True, express on books, charts, &c., for year 1890,	6	17
Lewiston Journal, for printing diplomas and programmes, for 1889,	16	75
Lakeside Press, for printing diplomas and programmes for 1890,	8	00

Paid Charles N. Fogg, treasurer of school fund, for money loaned the town,	$478 30	
C. T. Nevins, for repairing hearse and freight on same,	98 75	
S. F. Hilton, for expenses in repair of hearse,	4 00	
Maine Central Railroad, freight from Lewiston on hearse,	3 00	
Chas. Brackett, repairs on pole for hearse,	90	
B. W. Merrill, for interest paid Chas. N. Fogg, treasurer of school fund,	19 85	
Otis C. Nelson, interest on money loaned the town,	72 50	
		$971 40

ABATEMENTS ON ASSESSMENTS.

1885.

W. H. Tripp, poll tax, residence unknown,		$2 50

1886.

Jesse May, poor,	$2 50	
George H. Tripp,	2 50	
		$5 00

1887.

C. H. Cobb, Jr., disability,		$2 50

1888.

Charles H. Cobb, Jr., disability,		$2 50

1889.

Charles H. Cobb, Jr., disability,	$2 50	
Jesse May, poor,	2 50	
W. H. Shailer, not liable,	2 50	
Albert Tripp, residence unknown,	2 50	
John W. Wilson, disability,	2 50	
Tax deeds and cost on real estate taxed to Jonah Jordan in 1888 and 1889,	34 79	
		$47 29

1890.

T. Berry, real and personal, poor,	$1 63	
Erving E. Blake, not liable,	2 50	

Erastus Bryant, disability,	$2 50	
Albert H. Dunn, not liable,	2 50	
D. S. Ellingwood, dead,	2 50	
John Furgerson, poll tax and personal, not liable,	3 55	
Geo. W. Grover, not liable,	2 50	
Alfred I. Nevins, not liable,	2 50	
Wm. H. Shailer, not liable,	2 50	
Wm. S. Witham, not liable,	2 50	
Joseph S. Wilson, over seventy,	2 50	
B. W. Merrill, for tax deeds and cost on real estate sold for taxes of 1890, as follows:		
Centennial Mineral Spring Co.,	20 80	
Martin Graffam,	4 10	
Isaac E. Hayes,	10 30	
Martin Kingsbury,	3 05	
B. W. Merrill, for taxes on land owned by the town, for the year 1890,	12 86	
Rufus Knight, on real estate taxed to Geo. A. Morrill,	4 72	
Joseph Churchill, over-valuation on real estate,	1 05	
	——	$84 56

1891.

Henry A. Fogg, for over-valuation on Shoe & Leather Bank stock,	$1 05	
J. I. Sturgis, over-valuation on Shoe & Leather Bank stock,	8 40	
Otis C. Nelson, over-valuation on Shoe & Leather Bank stock,	5 25	
D. W. Merrill, over-valuation on American Banking and Trust Co. stock,	3 15	
J. I. Sturgis, over-valuation on Auburn Trust Co. stock,	5 25	
	——	$23 10

TOWN LIBRARY.

Paid Loring, Short & Harmon, for books,	$102 75	
J. M. Thompson, printing slips for books,	1 00	
	——	$103 75

GEO. E. WHITMAN POST, G. A. R.

Paid	Memorial Day expenses,		$33 90

STATE AID.

Paid	T. Berry,	$36 00	
	Mrs. Geo. B. Grover,	96 00	
			$132 00

CEMETERIES.

Paid	Elijah Huston, for labor in cemetery at Lower Corner,	$9 75	
	C. A. Winslow, at Lower Corner,	21 75	
	Berry & Starbird, for brimstone,	15 83	
	H. Ward Johnson, labor over the Hill Cemetery,	9 85	
	Wm. Taylor, for straps for cemeteries,	5 00	
	Geo. Blake & Son, for lead, oil, etc., for painting fences,	35 97	
	W. L. Shurtleff, for painting cemetery fence,	24 00	
	W. L. Shurtleff, for labor and cash paid out for labor in moving bodies, etc., in Upper Corner cemetery,	42 00	
	W. L. Shurtleff, for labor in old cemetery, and clearing up addition of Upper Corner cemetery,	40 50	
			$204 65

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1888.

Paid	Mark F. Jordan, labor,	$2 58	
	Wm. Dumont, labor,	6 25	
			$8 83

1889.

Paid	J. R. Griffin, labor,	$1 00	
	C. F. Cobb, labor,	3 07	
	J. H. Day, labor,	3 60	
			$7 67

1890.

	Wm. E. Blake, for labor and services as road commissioner,	$242 00	
	P. H. Hubbard, labor,	45 00	

Paid	Walter Brackett, labor,	$4 25
	Benjamin Brackett, labor,	27 37
	Wm. Blake, labor,	15 55
	J. Edwards, labor,	16 05
	Charles Brackett, labor,	50
	F. H. Morse, labor,	39 25
	R. E. Jordan, labor,	10 97
	J. F. McCann, labor,	12 35
	S. M. Farnham, labor,	8 62
	Eben Snow, labor,	5 70
	W. S. Snow, labor,	1 00
	T. J. Dawes, labor,	45
	Chas. Schilenger, labor,	11 35
	W. H. H. Snow, labor,	7 70
	J. L. Megquire, labor,	34 63
	R. L. Cummings, labor,	1 25
	B. S. Shailer, labor,	2 85
	A. H. Merrill, labor,	36 56
	N. Rideout, labor,	3 65
	Wm. Witham, labor,	4 55
	E. W. Nason, labor,	5 47
	E. P. Blake, labor,	17 30
	S. E. Bickford, labor,	2 25
	N. P. Haskell, labor,	69 00
	John P. Bailey, labor,	43 88
	Mellen Carpenter, labor,	2 55
	T. J. Greeley, labor,	8 40
	John Whitman, labor,	75
	W. H. Eveleth, labor,	3 90
	J. W. Sawyer, labor,	12 55
	D. A. Bennett, labor,	30
	S. W. & J. S. Ayer, labor,	25 89
	John S. Snow, labor,	3 75
	C. M. Witham, labor,	6 90
	E. D. Weston, labor,	75
	Joseph Welch, labor,	2 40
	J. K. Gould, labor,	2 10
	J. O. Small, labor,	21 60
	A. J. Haskell, labor,	11 31

Paid	J. C. Lane, labor,	$2 48
	J. M. Lane, labor,	1 95
	Geo. W. Plummer, labor,	2 17
	Moses H. Allen, labor,	6 98
	H. W. Jordan, labor,	9 60
	Jabez True, labor,	6 63
	J. E. Bennett, labor,	9 25
	Smith L. Sawyer, labor,	7 69
	W. F. Ayer, labor,	22 25
	G. Z. Benson, labor,	2 13
	J. H. Ward, labor,	1 12
	C. A. Estes, labor,	2 32
	A. A. Hunnewell, labor,	1 50
	W. S. Estes, labor,	60
	Charles H. Nelson, labor,	14 73
	Howard Dunn, labor	13 12
	J. L. Davis, labor,	3 85
	Norris Verrill, labor,	2 10
	D. N. Jordan, labor,	16 00
	O. C. Nelson, labor,	23 35
	George E. Thorn, labor,	3 00
	C. H. N. Rowe, labor,	2 25
	Harrison Edwards, labor,	1 65
	J. A. King, labor,	8 70
	L. C. Curtis, labor,	3 42
	William Dumont, labor,	35 80
	S. C. Bickford, labor,	7 35
	E. W. Hill, labor,	2 55
	Mellin M. Sawyer, labor,	2 25
	J. H. Day, labor,	13 41
	John B. Sawyer, labor,	14 48
	George B. Penney, labor,	1 20
	E. C. Blake, labor,	3 30
	H. V. Blake, labor,	5 02
	J. B. Bennett, labor,	50
	Samuel Harmon, labor,	1 05
	H. S. Bennett, labor,	4 85
	A. Buck, labor,	23 50
	W. F. Cobb, labor,	4 54

Paid	Benjamin McIntire, labor,	$2 95	
	E. D. Weston, labor,	45	
	Fred Smith, labor,	75	
	E. M. Small, labor,	1 65	
	George Carsley, labor,	1 50	
	W. F. Hulett, labor,	1 20	
	D. P. Smith, labor,	1 35	
	William C. Eveleth, labor,	7 37	
	W. Rice, labor,	30	
	Elbridge True, labor,	6 00	
	E. S. Snow, labor,	6 50	
	J. A. Tufts, labor,	11 72	
	Cyrus Larrabee, labor,	10 47	
	C. M. Morgan, labor,	3 92	
	E. M. Morgan, labor,	14 10	
	Fred A. Spring, labor,	2 25	
	Samuel Hicks, labor,	15 87	
	John Witham, labor,	9 15	
	C. O. Merrill, labor,	7 20	
	Fred M. Nevins, labor,	17 43	
	L. L. Whitman, labor,	1 50	
	A. J. Dawes, labor,	1 35	
	George W. Ricker, labor,	2 40	
			$1,188 67

1891.

Dennis Edwards, labor,	$1 40	
Charles Brackett, repairs,	4 65	
William E. Marsh, labor,	6 76	
Sidney Bragdon, labor,	2 03	
J. W. True, for use of cart,	7 00	
Washington Jordan & Co., lumber,	21 51	
George Blake & Son, tools, powder, &c.,	13 20	
C. S. Haskell, labor,	2 63	
John Hatch, repairs on tools,	1 13	
Berry & Starbird, tools, powder, &c.,	6 09	
Luther Thurlow,	1 62	
J. E. Bennett, labor,	105 75	
N. P. Haskell, road team,	850 55	
Charles Densmore, labor,	135 25	

Paid	Frank M. Tufts, labor,	$126 75	
	T. J. Greeley, labor,	182 25	
	Joseph Parsons, labor,	174 37	
	George Bennett, labor,	7 50	
	Fred P. Greeley, labor,	7 50	
	E. F. Field, labor,	2 25	
	Clarence Estes, labor,	17 62	
	N. G. Verrill, labor,	2 80	
	Maine Central Railroad, freight,	12 65	
	D. C. McIntire, labor,	90	
	Portland Cement Pipe Co.,	118 50	
	J. L. Davis, labor,	2 97	
	C. H. Nelson, labor,	5 75	
	J. H. Ward, labor,	10 75	
	William F. Ayer, labor,	8 85	
	H. F. Woodbury, labor,	60	
	D. P. Smith, labor,	1 50	
	Mellen M. Sawyer, labor,	1 65	
	S. C. Bickford, labor,	6 30	
	George L. Harmon, labor,	5 00	
	E. W. Hill, labor,	3 45	
	Fred Smith, labor,	1 20	
	T. Berry, labor,	1 05	
	J. E. Sawyer,	2 10	
	C. A. Winslow, labor,	50	
	H. M. Dunn, labor,	2 85	
	J. F. McCann, labor,	8 42	
	C. H. Mitchell, repairs for road machine,	22 00	
	J. W. Humphrey, labor,	1 00	
	A. G. Merrill, lumber,	25 74	
	E. P. Blake, labor,	252 40	
	F. L. Nevens, labor,	4 20	
	G. W. Tibbetts, repairs on road machine,	11 00	
	A. C. Chandler, labor with team,	28 62	
	G. W. Hatch, labor,	6 75	
	B. W. Merrill, cash paid for public watering tubs,	28 50	
			$2,255 81

SCHOOL REPAIRS.

Paid W. H. True & Son, for varnish, etc.,	$5 10	
Herman Webber, for painting school-house,	12 90	
Stevens & Jones, for books,	6 25	
Geo. L. Harmon, for varnishing school-room and furniture,	6 25	
J. B. Holmes, book and charts,	21 00	
American Book Co., for books,	8 02	
Thompson Brown & Co., books,	5 07	
D. P. Smith, repairs on school-room,	2 10	
D. C. Heath & Co., books,	9 00	
G. Z. Benson, repair of school-room,	50	
W. T. Hulett, repairs on school-house,	1 60	
J. W. Stevens, stove, pipe, and repairs,	13 70	
		$91 49

SCHOOLS.

To amount paid for support of schools as per bills approved by supervisor for the year 1890,	$1,222 97	
To amount paid for support of schools for 1891, as approved by the supervisor,	2,212 73	
		$3,435 70
Total amount of receipts,		$10,603 13
Total amount of expenditures,	$10,159 82	
Balance in hands of treasurer,	443 31	
		$10,603 13

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

RESOURCES.

Balance in the hands of the treasurer,	$443 31
Amount due from collector,	3,299 07
State school fund and mill tax, 1891,	788 36
New Gloucester school fund, due April 23, 1892,	196 19
Due from Women's Relief Corps,	14 00
Due from Town of Poland,	175 50

Liquors and casks,	$74 00	
Due from Town of Gray for tuition of scholars (estimated),	36 00	
		$5,023 43

LIABILITIES.

Amount due the schools, March 2, 1892,	$1,234 48	
Collector's fees for 1891,	150 53	
Town officers' bills (estimated),	350 00	
Outstanding road bills (estimated),	270 00	
Other outstanding bills,	87 50	
Due register of deeds for copying original survey (estimated),	75 00	
Outstanding orders to O. C. Nelson,	1,450 00	
Due for interest on outstanding orders,	44 00	
Other outstanding orders,	3 00	
Balance in favor of the town,	1,361 92	
		$5,026 43

SCHOOLS. Dr.

To amount paid for the support of schools as per bills approved by the supervisor,	$3,435 70	
Unexpended balance,	1,234 48	
		$4,670 18

Cr.

By unexpended balance, Feb. 28, 1891,	$1,762 91	
By town appropriation,	2,000 00	
State school fund and mill tax due January 1, 1891,	640 85	
New Gloucester school fund due April 23, 1891,	266 42	
		$4,670 18

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

Dennis Edwards, Agent.

Dr.

To Agent's salary,	$350 00	
Stock bought,	107 00	
Supplies, etc., bought,	977 03	
		$1,434 03

	Cr.	
By Product from cows,	$563 62	
Sweet corn sold,	224 43	
Pork sold,	46 15	
Stock sold,	143 00	
Beans sold,	31 98	
Cash for work off the farm,	100 40	
Other sales off the farm,	15 74	
Old stove,	3 50	
Boarding agent's colts,	42 00	
Boarding agent's calf,	10 00	
Balance against the farm,	253 21	
		$1,434 03

AMOUNT OF STOCK AND SUPPLIES ON THE FARM.

Two horses, 11 cows, 1 yearling heifer, 3 shoats, 35 hens, 25 tons hay, 200 pounds ground feed, 2 tons corn fodder, 5 bushels beans, 20 bushels oats, 100 bushels potatoes, 10 bushels small potatoes, 240 pounds pork, 1 barrel soft soap, $6\frac{1}{2}$ pounds butter, 1 barrel vinegar, 50 pounds lard, $\frac{3}{4}$ barrel flour, 1 pound coffee, 1 pound tea, 1 pound raisins, 10 pounds sugar, 1 new stove, 30 cords wood, 25 tons ice.

We find the farm in its usual thrifty condition, which it has always maintained under the able management of Mr. Edwards.

The stock has been much improved the last year and is looking finely, everything about the place shows care and forethought on the part of the agent. Mrs. Edwards is a model house-wife, and the poor are well cared for and kept in the neatest possible manner. There are five on the farm: Aaron Rowe, Bella Carpenter, Daniel Cobb, Samuel Harris, and Nathaniel Johnson.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The amount that has been expended for the poor of the town, not on the town farm, has been about the average, for the past ten years.

The case of James A. Verrill is a very serious one, he being almost entirely helpless, unable even to turn in bed and but partially able to feed himself. The best place for him appears to be with relatives. We have been obliged to increase their

pay during the past year to $2.50 per week, which seemed at the time to be the wisest course.

We have received notice from the town of North Yarmouth that Mary Wells had fallen into distress. Upon investigation it was found that she had been the wife of Ammie Wells but was divorced some eighteen years ago and removed to Lowell, Mass., where she lived some twelve or fourteen years and then fell into distress and was removed to the Tewksbury Almshouse (the Massachusetts State Almshouse). After a short residence there the matron took her, under the pretense of taking her to Lowell, and put her on the Portland boat and shipped her to Maine. Your board of overseers had proposed to take counsel on the case and sift it to the bottom, but sickness prevented our carrying out our plans.

On account of the sickness of our treasurer the outstanding interest orders have not been paid, but he will probably do so in a few days.

Mr. E. P. Blake was employed to take charge of the road crew during the season. There has been an attempt at making some improvements of a permanent nature.

The road leading from the Shakers to the house of J. W. Churchill (about two miles) has been thoroughly rebuilt, and, with the exception of making it wider, will stand for a number of years with very little expense. Quite an amount of gravel has been applied the past season, and it is in our opinion that the permanent improvements of our roads should be made largely in that direction.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. TRUE,
GEORGE W. HATCH,
PHILIP A. COLLER,

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1891.	To received from:	Dr.
Mar. 2.	Wm. C. Eveleth, for tax on land taxed to J. P. Grant in 1888, paid by town Feb. 20, 1890,	$3 87
	Also W. C. Eveleth, taxes on 37 acres taxed to J. P. Grant in 1889, paid by the town Feb. 20, 1891,	2 03
	Also tax on 15 acres land taxed to J. P. Grant, paid Feb. 20th,	1 35
Mar. 5.	J. S. True, for damages on school-house in District No. 2,	2 50
	State Treasurer, railroad and telegraph tax, 1890,	513 83
	State Treasurer, State school fund and mill tax, 1890,	640 85
Mar. 25.	David Brown, for a lot in the cemetery near the Upper Corner,	10 00
April 1.	Town of Poland, pauper expenses of T. Berry and E. F. Field,	109 00
	Supplemental tax for the year 1890, omitted by mistake on settlement Feb. 28, 1891,	7 50
	Anthony S. Hatch, for tax on real estate for the year 1889,	3 01
June 9.	C. N. Fogg, Treas., money loaned the town,	478 30
Aug. 27.	Town of Greenwood, pauper expenses of Anna Robbins,	37 50
	G. T. Dolley, taxes and cost for the years 1888 and 1889,	6 60
	John Allard's heirs, tax and costs for the year 1888,	2 38
Dec. 10.	Mrs. J. M. Waterhouse, lot in Upper Corner cemetery,	10 00

1892.

Jan. 7.	W. L. Shurtleff, for wood and lumber from the Upper Corner cemetery,	$16 97
Jan. 13.	State Treasurer, railroad and telegraph tax apportioned the town for 1891,	506 02
	State Treasurer, amount paid out for State aid,	132 00
Feb. 6.	A. C. Shaw, for use of Town Hall,	1 50
Feb. 9.	Conant Hicks, for a lot in Upper Corner cemetery,	10 00
	B. W. Merrill, guardian of Thos. J. Brackett,	133 50
Feb. 15.	B. W. Merrill, to balance his account as treasurer for the year 1890,	449 76
Feb. 18.	C. N. Fogg, treasurer New Gloucester school fund,	266 42
	B. W. Merrill, to balance his account for the year 1890,	3,679 70
Mar. 1.	Town of Raymond for pauper expenses,	89 75
	Town of Gray, for pauper expenses of Melville Hodgkins,	10 00
	Geo. E. Whitman Post, G. A. R., for rent of Town Hall,	25 00
	Dennis Edwards, agent on town farm,	96 79
	B. W. Merrill, collector for 1891,	3,357 00
		$10,603 13

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By town orders taken up,	$10,159 82	
Cash in the treasury,	443 31	
		$10,603 13

BENJAMIN W. MERRILL, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF NEW GLOUCESTER SCHOOL FUND.

From April 23, 1891, to April 23, 1892.

Amount of capital secured by mortgage on real estate,	$2,438 00	
Amount of bank stock,	1,837 50	
Amount in savings bank,	178 30	
		$4,453 80
Amount due the town April 23, 1891,		$266 42
Amount paid town treasurer,		$266,42
Amount due the town April 23, 1892,		$196 19

C. N. FOGG, *Treasurer.*

New Gloucester, March 2, 1892.

REPORT OF TRUSTEE OF EZRA TOBIE FUND.

Amount received from the fund,		$30 00
Amount paid to the poor on the town farm,	$8 00	
Amount paid to the poor of the town, not on the farm,	22 00	
		$30 00

S. H. CHANDLER, *Trustee.*

New Gloucester, March 3, 1892.

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

RESOURCES.

Appropriation by the town,	$150 00	
Unexpended balance of 1890,	16 53	
Fines collected and catalogues sold,	9 15	
		$175 68

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Loring, Short & Harmon,	$102 75	
J. M. Thompson, for printing,	1 00	
Helen A. Mosley, for services as librarian to March 14, 1892,	39 75	
For five bottles glue,	55	
I. H. Keith, glue and ink procured in 1889,	78	
For record book,	1 50	
Maine Central Railroad, freight,	1 00	
For washing floor,	25	
Unexpended balance,	28 10	
		$175 68

It has been with great pleasure that your committee has observed the interest manifested in our Public Library by the citizens of the town. We would suggest that some step be taken the coming year to have more room provided for the use of the library. The present room is too small, and the need seems almost imperative.

L. C. CURTIS, *Chairman Library Committee.*

REPORT OF SCHOOL SUPERVISOR.

To the Citizens of New Gloucester:

Having attended to the important duties assigned me as your Supervisor during the past year I would respectfully submit the following report:

Whole number of children in town between the ages of 4 and 21,	348
Whole number attending Summer School,	193
Average number attending Summer School,	155
Whole number attending Fall School,	182
Average number attending Fall School,	148
Whole number attending Winter School,	193
Average number attending Winter School,	149

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RESOURCES.

Balance unexpended from last year,	$460 98
Amount voted by the town for schools,	2,000 00
Amount received from state school fund and mill tax,	640 85
Amount received from New Gloucester school fund,	266 42
	$3,368 25

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' wages for summer schools,	$696 40	
Teachers' wages for fall schools,	691 50	
Teachers' wages for winter schools,	876 00	
Pupil in District No. 12 to attend in District No. 6,	18 00	
Pupils' tuition to other towns,	72 00	
Town of Pownal for use of text-books,	1 50	
For cleaning school-houses,	20 00	
For care of school-houses,	72 55	
For supplies,	14 50	
Printing and expenses of graduation (estimated),	10 00	
Wood for 1892 (estimated),	178 00	
		$2,650 45
Balance unexpended,		$717 80

TABULAR REPORT.

Summer Term.

No. of School.	NAME OF TEACHER.	Whole No. pupils registered.	Average No. in attendance.	Length of term in weeks.	Wages of teacher per week exclusive of board	Price of board per week.	Amount paid teacher including board.
1	Orie R. Fogg,	37	32	10	$6 00	$3 00	$90 00
2	Grace E. Curtis,	21	18	10	4 50	2 00	65 00
3	Hattie E. Blake,	19	15	10	4 00	2 00	60 00
4	Ethel L. Jordan,	13	10	10	4 00	2 00	60 00
5	Mary E. Jordan,	15	12	10	5 00	2 00	70 00
6	Mary L. Bickford,	25	21	10	5 50	2 00	75 00
7	Ina French,	29	20	5 1-5	4 50	2 50	36 40
8	Grace N. Lufkin,	15	12	10	4 00	2 00	60 00
9	Ada S. Cummings,	8	7	10	4 50	2 50	70 00
11	Ella McCann,	6	5	10	4 00	2 00	60 00
13	Eva I Clark,	5	3	10	3 00	2 00	50 00
							$696 40

Fall Term.

1	Orie R. Fogg,	27	26	10	$6 00	$3 00	$90 00
2	Julia Curtis,	21	19	10	5 00	2 00	70 00
3	Hattie E. Blake,	18	14	10	4 25	2 25	65 00
4	Ethel L. Jordan,	14	11	9	4 50	2 00	58 50
5	Sadie F. Roberts,	15	10	10	4 00	3 00	70 00
6	Mary L. Bickford,	29	23	10	5 50	2 00	75 00
7	Grace N. Lufkin,	31	23	12	4 50	2 00	78 00
8	Mary E. Jordan,	14	12	10	4 50	2 00	65 00
11	Cora May Whitney,	6	5	10	4 50	2 00	65 00
13	Eva I. Clark,	7	5	10	3 50	2 00	55 00
							$691 50

Winter Term.

1	W. Spring,	28	20	10	$7 50	$2 50	$100 00
2	Julia Curtis,	27	21	10	6 00	2 00	80 00
3	Frank C. Thompson,	15	10	10	6 00	2 00	80 00
4	Mary E. Jordan,	17	13	11	5 00	2 00	77 00
5	Merritt Farnum,	15	13	10	6 00	2 00	80 00
6	Orie R. Fogg,	32	26	10	6 00	2 00	80 00
7	Grace N. Lufkin,	25	18	11	5 00	2 00	77 00
8	Dora White,	14	11	10	4 50	2 00	65 00
9	Ada S. Cummings,	11	10	16	4 50	2 50	112 00
11	Cora May Whitney,	4	2	10	4 00	2 50	65 00
13	Eva I. Clark,	5	4	10	3 50	2 50	60 00
							$876 00
							$2,263 90

REMARKS.

Entering upon the duties as Supervisor of Schools without experience I did not think it expedient to depart from the usual course pursued by my predecessors. The average attendance during the year was somewhat less than usual, due to the prevailing diseases which will make the year 1891–2 so memorable. Where the attendance was good the interest was maintained and the work done was all that could be expected, while in others the want of interest, energy, and efficient discipline, on the part of the teachers, and co-operation on the part of parents and pupils, has retarded the progress which they ought to have made. It is unjust, as it is unwise, to select any school for commendation or reproof. An earnest, hard-working teacher is one that fits herself for the calling by reading the best books and papers on teaching, and is interested in the county and state teachers' meetings, united with love for the work.

A model, ungraded school is found only where the teacher has a peculiar fitness for the work. Habits of neatness, a regard for the tidy appearance of the school-room, the care of books, and all school property is a subject that should be forcibly presented to the pupils, and kept constantly in mind. On the other hand, no teacher, however well equipped, can do the work alone. They need your approval and support. If the instruction and influence received at home is not what it should be, it is plainly seen in our public schools. It behooves us, as parents, to impress upon the minds of our children that these school privileges are for a purpose and not to be trifled with; that the school-house and books are expensive necessities, not to be destroyed, for it is often beyond the teachers' knowledge or means of knowing, during the hours of intermission, just who the perpetrators of a wrong are.

The time has come when the town must meet the question: "What can be done with our small schools, or in the direction of combining smaller schools." There are at least two schools that could be consolidated with adjoining districts with great advantage to all the pupils affected by the change. The reasons that can be suggested in favor of this plan are obvious.

With twenty pupils in a school the classes can be so arranged that pupils will have the stimulus that comes from competition; the interest would be increased, advantages gained that come from association, the less brilliant be encouraged by their more fortunate companions and accomplish what they otherwise would never have attempted. The financial gain would pay for better teachers in the other schools. The fact that the pupils in the discontinued districts

are to be conveyed to school and returned to their homes at the expense of the town, by some person in the town, will make it plain for all to see that it would be impartial. But the matter of dollars and cents is the least forcible argument that can be made in favor of this change, for it is almost impossible to have a vigorous, progressive school with four or five scholars. This fact has induced me to present to you what I know means better advantages for the children.

The repairs on the school-houses during the year have been of a general character. The graining in Districts 2 and 5 has been varnished; a new stove was purchased for the Shaker School-house. Several of the school-houses will need painting this year. The usual appropriation, will, I think, be sufficient to meet the expenses of the coming year.

I would suggest that we exchange the Geographies for a later edition. The expense for other books will be about the same as usual, which consists mostly of copy-books and book-keeping blanks.

The scholars in District No. 6 raised the funds necessary to purchase a handsome flag for their school, which was raised with appropriate exercises. I sincerely hope the time is not far distant when the stars and stripes will float over every school-house in town.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the town for that support that has made it possible for me to perform these duties impartially and to the best of my ability.

Respectfully submitted,

S. F. SWEETSIR,

Supervisor of Schools.

The following is the programme of the graduating exercises, at the Congregational Church, February 19, 1892:

Class Motto, "Ennoblement."

PRAYER.—MUSIC.

Salutatory Oration—Perseverance.	Frank E. Stevens.
Essay—The Means of Acquiring an Education.	Lizzie M. Edwards.
Recitation—The Ride of Jennie McNeil.	*Clara E. Grover.

MUSIC.

Essay—The Greatness of Little Things.	Bessie M. Brackett.
Essay—No Victory without a Battle.	Vesta B. Jordan.
Recitation—The Leap of Rushan Beg.	*Gertrude H. Morse.

MUSIC.

Essay—The Night Brings Out the Stars.	Annie E. Bennett.
Poem—Pictures of Memory.	Nettie C. Merrill.
Class Prophecy.	Carrie F. Hubbard.
Essay—Valedictory—Faces.	Bertha O. True.

MUSIC.

CONFERRING DIPLOMAS.

SINGING CLASS ODE.

BENEDICTION.

*Second Class.

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting.

To BENJAMIN W. MERRILL, a Constable of the town of New Gloucester, in the County of Cumberland, GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of New Gloucester, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town House in said town, on the fourteenth day of March, A.D. 1892, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz.:

ARTICLE 1st.

To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2d.

To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3d.

To receive and allow accounts.

ARTICLE 4th.

To hear and act on reports.

ARTICLE 5th.

To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 6th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for contingent expenses.

ARTICLE 7th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of schools.

ARTICLE 8th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repair of roads and bridges.

ARTICLE 9th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to keep the school property in repair.

ARTICLE 10th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to keep the cemeteries in repair.

ARTICLE 11th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of the Public Library.

ARTICLE 12th.

To see what action the town will take in regard to the management and government of the Public Library.

ARTICLE 13th.

To see how much money the town will vote to raise for defraying the expense of the observation of Memorial Day.

ARTICLE 14th.

To see if the town will accept the road leading from the Morse road, so called, to the house of John S. Snow as laid out by the selectmen.

ARTICLE 15th.

To see if the town will vote to remove the tomb at the Upper Corner cemetery from the place where it now is to a point near the highway, and how much money you will vote to raise for that purpose.

ARTICLE 16th.

To see if the town will vote to elect a "School Board," consisting of five members to manage our schools. Said "Board" to have power to elect a superintendent of schools.

ARTICLE 17th.

To see if the town will vote to purchase a road team suitable to do the road work, and how much money you will vote to raise for that purpose.

ARTICLE 18th.

To see if the town will vote to repair the buildings on the town farm, and how much money you will vote to raise for that purpose.

ARTICLE 19th.

To see if the town will vote to build a new house on the town farm, and how much money you will vote to raise for that purpose.

ARTICLE 20th.

To see if the town will vote to sell the town farm.

ARTICLE 21st.

To see if the town will vote to repair the road leading from the main road to the house of Lyman Winslow.

ARTICLE 22d.

To see if the town will vote to clear up and grade the new extension to the Upper Corner cemetery, and how much money you will vote to raise for that purpose.

ARTICLE 23d.

To see if the town will vote to pay Jeremiah Edwards damages for taking loam from a lot of land known as the school lot in District No. 7, and claimed as the property of said Edwards.

ARTICLE 24th.

To see if the town will vote to consolidate school-districts Nos. 3 and 10, and remove the school-house in District No. 3 to a central location or build a new one for the accommodation of the same, and how much money you will vote to raise for that purpose.

ARTICLE 25th.

To see if the town will vote to enlarge the cemetery at the Upper Corner by securing land adjoining on the line of the road leading to Bald Hill, so called, and how much money you will vote to raise for that purpose.

ARTICLE 26th.

To see if the town will vote to exempt from taxation for a term of ten years any new manufacturing industry that may locate in town employing not less than five thousand dollars capital in said industry.

ARTICLE 27th.

To see if the town will vote to accept the tomb erected by Mrs. Angela Smith Whitman, at the Lower Corner cemetery as a gift to the town.

ARTICLE 28th.

To see if the town will vote to repair the stone-work at Bear Brook bridge, and how much money you will vote to raise for that purpose.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters at the Town House, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at New Gloucester, this fourth day of March, A.D. 1892.

JOHN W. TRUE,
GEORGE W. HATCH,
PHILIP A. COLLER,
Selectmen of New Gloucester.